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**Arts Commission Selected by Creative Capital Foundation  
to Continue Collaboration for 3 Year Period**

The Arizona Commission on the Arts is pleased to be continuing its relationship with Creative Capital Foundation. Creative Capital is a leading foundation, operating out of New York, and offering substantial financial and technical support to artists nationwide. In early 2006, the Commission and Creative Capital conducted a research project to determine the support structures in existence in Arizona for creative artists. This research was guided by the Arizona Partnership for Innovation—a steering committee comprised of artists, arts leaders and funders—and funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Arizona Community Foundation. The findings will be launched in early 2007. In December 2006, up to 70 artists, nominated by the field, will participate in a pilot skills-building retreat in Phoenix for advanced training in career management. After an evaluation, a decision will be made whether to repeat the retreat. Check this site regularly for updates on the partnership.

The mission of the **Arizona Community Foundation** (ACF) and its affiliates is to build a legacy of community philanthropy by connecting donor interests with community needs.

**Creative Capital Foundation** is a national grantmaking organization committed to partnering with individual artists to help them navigate the complex environment in which they work.

The mission of the **Arizona Commission on the Arts** is an Arizona where people broaden, deepen, and diversify their engagement with the arts, as creators, audiences and supporters, in ways that are satisfying and integral to their lives.

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